

The Forward O. P.

The new year's here, our heads are clear—I hope—and all the horns have blown their last wild note till next year's dawn comes rolling in. Once more the grindstone beckons to our noses and optimists are setting out their beds of roses, sweet peas, petunias and stuff and praying that the rabbits have enough of other things to eat so they will let our gardens bloom with posies bright for every room. So, rally round, my desert friends, and give an ear or lend a hand to make this year of '48 one long remembered in the center of this Healthbowl great.



The new look has finally hit Joshua Tree. And after all that hullabaloo the girls raised when the fashion dictators decreed long skirts. Girls, I'm saddened, no end, by your perfidious desertion to the ranks of spineless creatures who can be led around by the noses. And the worst of it is, that the very ones who dropped the hemline had the very best reasons for NOT doing it. Woe is me—and every other male with good eyesight.



Well, the walls of practically every home and office in town are now resplendent with gobs of brand new calendars. Little ones, huge ones and in-between sizes are waiting for the inexorable march of time to bring the monthly turning of the pages. Thanks to several kind friends, I should have no trouble remembering the dates this year.



Now that the holidays are over the weekend influx of desert visitors has started. After a couple of Saturdays and Sundays that left us lonely and feeling sorry for ourselves the highways were once again filled with whizzing cars and many strangers were seen in our shops and caravansaries. That the year has started out well is evidenced by the smiles on the faces of our merchants and realtors. The more the merrier says I, and "welcome, stranger" is my slogan.

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L. A. Attorney Boosts Joshua Tree

Christy J. Nelson, prominent Los Angeles attorney and owner of several properties in Joshua Tree, last week offered tangible evidence of his faith in the future of Joshua Tree and its organizations. Nelson sent to the Journal editor a communication and two checks to be given the Ambulance Association and the Parent Teacher Association. The barrister was one of the organizers of the Chamber of Commerce and drew up the articles of incorporation of the Joshua Tree Community Association. His letter is reproduced here.

"My Dear Colonel:

During the year 1943, the writer took a trip up to Joshua Tree, and was immediately sold on the idea of locating in your community and spending the rest of my days in what I believe, to be the best climate in the world. My plans were that by 1947, I would be able to move to Joshua Tree and build my law office and my home on the hill, but unfortunately, circumstances

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Local Contractor Faces Complaint

Charles Berry, Joshua Tree resident, according to a news item in the San Bernardino Sun on Monday, has been charged with violation of the state labor code on six counts in a complaint issued by the district attorneys office. The complaint, signed by James F. McDill, deputy labor commissioner, states that Berry refused to recompense workers employed on a construction project near Pioneertown, and that he failed to maintain semi-monthly paydays for the workers.

It was alleged that Berry refused to pay three workers. He has been in custody of officials in San Bernardino for several days. Saturday he was brought to 29 Palms in custody of Constable Jack Cones for a hearing, it was reported. Berry was employed on several construction jobs in the Joshua Tree area during the past year or more.

Voters Defeat School Unification

Practically no one in Joshua Tree took the trouble to vote at the election held last week. The proposition to be voted on called for the unification of several districts with the San Bernardino Valley Union Junior College district. A search of Joshua Tree revealed no polling place here. In 29 Palms the vote was 173 "no" against 13 "yes." In other districts the vote ran along substantially the same lines.

The sentiment of other communities as expressed in newspaper editorials was to the effect that it would only increase taxes without adding many benefits. Apparently little effort had been made to push the measure and the opposition in most communities against the proposal was well organized.

Gabrielle Shop Destroyed By Fire

The dress shop and home of Mrs. Gabrielle Rorschach, ½ mile west of Joshua Tree, was completely destroyed last Monday night, December 29th, by a fire that started from unknown causes during the absence of the owner in Los Angeles. The blaze apparently started in the kitchen and had gained so much headway by the time it was discovered by neighbors that little could be done to save the building. A concrete block garage building in rear of the main structure was saved by the action of Jack Lynn who sprayed water from a tank in his truck on the garage. The blaze is believed to have started about 9 p.m.

The damage was estimated by Mrs. Rorschach to be about \$4,500 which included merchandise and household goods as well as the building. The shop was of frame construction. Part of the loss is covered by insurance.

The 29 Palms fire truck was called and arrived about 10 p.m. but the building was nearly consumed before they could get to Joshua Tree. The owner who was visiting her daughters was notified by Mrs. Eunice King, a neighbor and friend. Mrs. Rorschach arrived early Tuesday morning from Los Angeles.

A new bathroom had recently been installed in the home and shop, and the building connected with the electric line only a short time ago. The owner reported that she had pulled the main switch and shut-off gas connections before leaving. Her plans for the future had not been announced at press time.

Mrs. Rorschach was a French war bride of World War I and homesteaded the property some years ago. In the shop she carried a varied line of women's dresses and specialized in children's and babies' garments.

This was the second disastrous blaze within a week in the Joshua Tree area. The first was a fire that destroyed one of the buildings at Youkers Melody Rancho and burned 800 chickens on Christmas Eve.

Date Change For School Physical Examinations

February 9th, 1948 will be the date on which county school doctors and nurses will be in Joshua Tree to inoculate and vaccinate pupils and children of pre-school age, according to word received from Miss Gertrude Hagum, principal of the Joshua Tree school. This date supersedes the one previously announced in the Journal. Mrs. Grace B. Snow, county school health nurse, recently informed the local school that the change of dates was necessary because of a conflict in schedules at the county health office.

Chamber of Commerce To Hold First 1948 Meeting

Meeting for the first time since the election of new officers last month the Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce will convene at an open session in the Community Hall at 8:00 p.m. Friday night, January 9th. Measures to obtain some sort of fire control for this area will be the main topic for consideration, said President Meredith Willey. Plans and programs for the balance of the year will also be discussed.

William Rogers Shot Accidentally

William M. Rogers of near Yucca Valley, rock gas distributor, received a bullet in his thigh when a firearm in the hands of a friend was accidentally discharged Sunday morning. He was taken to 29 Palms where his wound was treated by Dr. E. L. Smith who ordered Rogers to the Naval Hospital at Corona for removal of the bullet. The wound was apparently not serious.

It was reported that Rogers usually unloads the gun nightly but had neglected to do so Saturday night. In handling the weapon Sunday morning a friend discharged it accidentally.

The Joshua Tree ambulance was called to take Rogers to the hospital about 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Rogers was the attendant and Ray Rees drove.

Kirk Martin To Teach Art At Community Hall

A welcome addition to the cultural life in Joshua Tree and this desert area will be provided by Kirk Martin when he starts his classes in oil painting, drawing and pastel on Thursday, January 22nd, in the Community Hall at 7:00 p.m. Attractive printed brochures containing a registration card for those who desire to study in either of two courses have been issued by the artist. Classes are open to beginners and advanced students. About thirty pupils can be accommodated, said Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Martin have recently moved from Los Angeles and established their home on the desert near Yucca Valley. Martin has done portraits of many Hollywood and Beverly Hills notables. He is particularly well known for his striking and effective woodcuts. A travelling exhibit of these is now making the rounds of schools and galleries in the United States. Several one man shows of his work have been held in the metropolitan area. The artist has been a frequent exhibitor at the Pasadena Art Institute and recently exhibited at the Pasadena Art Fair under the auspices of Artists Associates.

In addition to his free lance art activities Martin has been engaged in advertising planning and layout and was for a time editor of a house organ for a large west coast manufacturing concern.

Martin studied architecture at

Recommendations of the county planning commission for the future development of the business and residential sections are in the hands of the secretary now and will be read to the membership at this meeting. They include the building set-backs for each block and should be of interest to all property owners. The present policy of the board of supervisors is to issue building permits only when the builders plans coincide with the recommendations of the commission.

The new board of directors will meet Tuesday night at Wilds Variety Store to transact regular business and consider committees for 1948. They assemble at 7:30 p.m.

Notices will be sent by the secretary to all members and former members that dues for the year are now payable. After February 1st memberships become delinquent and reinstatement can be by action of the board of directors only.

Officers of all other civic organizations are asked to attend the Chamber meeting on Friday to hear the report of President Willey on several projects pertaining to the civic welfare and on which he gathered information from various sources.

The Friday meeting is open to the public and members are urged to bring their friends. The treasurer will have his receipt book handy and will accept dues for membership before or after the meeting.

Howard Luther Dies In Los Angeles

Howard Luther, resident of Joshua Tree since December, 1946, died of pneumonia December 27th, 1947, in General Hospital, Los Angeles. He had suffered from asthma for a long time but was taken ill and removed to the hospital two weeks before his death. Mr. Luther was 68. He is survived by his wife and son, Verne of Idaho.

Howard Luther was a native of Idaho and for the past year had occupied the home on Valley View of his brother, Clyde Luther. He had made a host of friends here in Joshua Tree. His wife and son were at his bedside when death called him.

Funeral services were held in Los Angeles and burial occurred there, on Wednesday, December 31st.

University of Southern California. He was a student of Paul Sample when he took up painting in oils. Martin also taught Production Illustration at Caltech.

The Personal Touch

For the New Year holiday Mr. and Mrs. Bob Downer of Los Angeles entertained Mrs. Downer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Besse, formerly of Wyoming, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thompson Jr. of Phoenix, Arizona, at their Joshua Tree home on Valley View.

Mrs. T. W. Deltman of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Mrs. F. P. Haley of Madison, South Dakota spent the holidays visiting their mother, Mrs. J. Laughlin.

Mrs. Alice Hunt, reports Hubert Aldridge, was the very last customer in the Desert Trading Post on the last day of 1947.

Neill Gustin of North Long Beach and Thalia Possone of Lynwood spent last week visiting Jeanne and Ted Bode II, in Joshua Tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook's son, C. E. Cook, his wife and daughters Sandra and Sylvia came from Nebraska to spend the holidays. On Christmas they all spent the day in Long Beach with the Cooks' three daughters.

A New Year watch party at the Leo Emig's in Sun Valley was enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. George Ledesma and Dean, and Mr. and Mrs. John Payne and sons. The traditional Tom and Jerrys were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lopez and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pollard were weekend guests at the Sun Valley home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lopez. The Pollards were Friday callers at the Emigs.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Wilson and Ronnie and Diane visited Forrest's mother, Mrs. May Hibbard at Desertaire Lodge over the New Year weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Danner and family of Glendale were weekend guests at Hidden Valley Ranch in the National Monument.

Guests at Desertaire Lodge during the past week included Miss Virginia Mitchell, Miss Elizabeth Funk, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Larson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Phelps, Mr. G. W. Phelps and Miss Bertha Ammon of Los Angeles; Mrs. Gemma De Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. William Martland and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Rawald of Huntington Park; Mrs.

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Alice Carter of Hollywood; Mrs. S. G. Keetch of Salida, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Beck and Mrs. Rebecca Beck of Redondo Beach.

Edward Burnham of Los Angeles came out to his Joshua Tree home on Valley View for the New Year weekend. He renewed his Journal subscription, too.

Starting off the New Year Marion Emig flew out on Friday from Montrose to spend the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Emig.

The Hank Hollingers observed their customary New Year open house at their ranch home near Sun Valley where scores of their friends and neighbors dropped in to pay their respects.

Because of the serious illness of Mrs. Cook's sister-in-law, Mrs. Jennie Burris, the Frank Cooks left on Tuesday for Woodland, California.

Mrs. V. E. Gleason of Los Angeles became a Joshua Tree property owner last weekend when she purchased a home site on Sunburst Circle.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Wilson were early birds in Pasadena for the Rose Parade on New Year's Day. But never again, say the Wilsons, will they be quite so early. The parade was OK but the early morning chill while waiting for the sun to come up blame near froze them.

Accompanying Mr. and Mrs. George Mull of Los Angeles to

Joshua Tree for the New Year weekend were Mrs. Bernice Lytle of Los Angeles and Mrs. Mabel Long of Glendale, all of whom stayed at Valley View apartments, and Mrs. Gladys Johnson of Pomona who was a guest at LeOrra Courts. Celebrating a watch party with the visitors were Miss Louise Williams and Larry Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Possone and family of Lynwood were New Year's Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Bode. They enjoyed hiking and a picnic at Hidden Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Ord of Burbank last Saturday purchased a residential site in the Alta Vista tract. The Ords have been frequent visitors to Joshua Tree during the past year.

Guests at Desertaire Lodge last Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beck and Mrs. R. F. Beck of Redondo Beach, and Mrs. Sally G. Keetch of Salida, Colorado. Mrs. Keetch, a physio-therapist for the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad, was impressed by the healthful climate of Joshua Tree. She subscribed to the Journal while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil T. Smith, of the Hilltop Guest Ranch in Yucca Village, entertained more than 100

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persons Sunday night, December 28, to mark the opening of their new home. Acting as co-hostess with Mrs. Smith was Mrs. Ethel Stockton, of Long Beach.

Five members of the Girls' Activities Club, a teen-age group sponsored by Mrs. Smith, aided as junior hostesses. They were the Misses Joan Richardson, Darlene White, Carol Peters, Dolores Rich and Barbara Buchanan.

F. W. Holloway of Morongo was ordered to the Palm Springs hospital because of a sinus abscess on Saturday. Mrs. Holloway attended

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her husband in the Joshua Tree ambulance which Ray Rees drove. The trip was requested by Dr. Reeves of Palm Springs.

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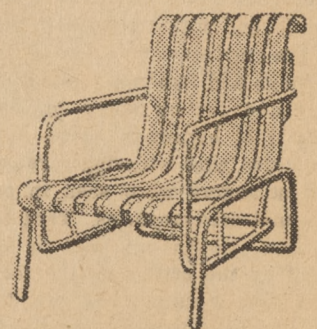
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The Venice Hoovers entertained at dinner on New Years Mr. and Mrs. Roger Clark and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Ojala and daughter Norma, and Clair Duby and Harry Cummings of March Field.

Arriving on Tuesday of this week were Mrs. Howard Luther and son Verne of Idaho who will visit Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hendricks.

One of the most enjoyable New Year's eve celebrations in the Valley was the party given by Guy Ohlen. Guy is an ideal host and what with the rousing log fire in the open grate, combined with the refreshments and hospitality, gave the occasion a royal Happy New Year welcome.

Due to the flu epidemic a number of friends were unable to attend. Those enjoying the watch-party were Mr. and Mrs. Anton Hoffman and Barbara of Twentynine Palms, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doran and Patricia from Eagle Rock, Mr. and Mrs. John Lightburn from West Minister, Evelyn Paxton from Hollywood and June LeMert Paxton at "The Joshuas."

Jack Lay who formerly resided in Joshua Tree was back for the weekend visiting old friends here and in 29 Palms.

The linemen of the A. S. Schulman Electric Co. crew finished their work on the Kaiser line near Desert Center last week and have returned for another stay in Joshua Tree. They will be erecting new lines near 29 Palms for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Lyday spent the first part of last week in Palm Springs and Los Angeles, returning on New Year's day to Joshua Tree.

Four generations were together at the F. C. Hendricks home in Joshua Tree last week. Visiting here until Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dahl of Paso Robles and their daughter Shirley; and Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Dahl and son Donnie. Mrs. Joe Dahl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks and Delmar a grandson, while Donnie is the great grandson.

Visiting the John Paynes for New Years were his brother Clarence of Chicago and sister Mrs. Melvin Gilaspy, her husband and children of Montrose.

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Many Subdivisions Opened Last Year

Figures released by the San Bernardino County Planning Commission indicate that subdividers in the county were active in many localities, although the number of new subdivisions is less than the record 199 filed in 1946.

Harold Zenz, county planning director announced that 150 new subdivisions were approved by his office in 1947. These comprised 14,000 acres which were split into 11,650 lots. Roads proposed by the subdividers totalled 105,000 miles and by action of the planning commission thousands of feet of flood channel were obtained. Because of deeds and easements secured from real estate promoters many existing roads were widened.

In the Joshua Tree area, Zenz stated, there were 11 new subdivisions approved, while 29 Palms had 17 containing 988 lots. In Morongo Valley 5 were approved; at Pioneertown there were 3, and on Yucca Mesa 1 new subdivision was listed.

Fontana led all communities in the county with 18 new subdivisions containing 996 lots. The 29 Palms number was the second highest.

Cigars & Cigarettes—The Gift Box

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The combined total tonnage of California fruit and nut crops harvested in 1947 was practically the same as in 1946, although there was considerable variation in groups. Citrus crops of 1946-47 exceeded those of 1945-46 by 14%. The estimated tonnage of nut crops was about 88% of 1946.

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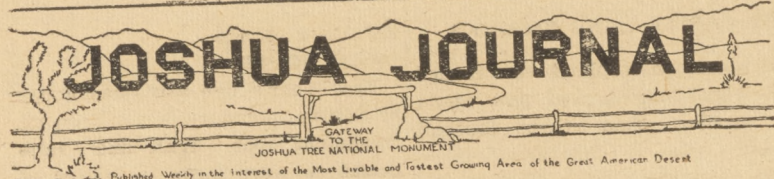
But in spite of these handicaps your telephone company met with a certain measure of success in its efforts to improve conditions. During the past twelve months we installed over 10,000 telephones, increased our personnel by 33 1/3%, and spent over \$1,000,000 for new equipment and construction. However, our held orders numbered more at the end of 1947 than at the beginning because of the ever-increasing flow of applications.

1948

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FIRE PROTECTION FOR JOSHUA TREE

Two disastrous fires within the past two weeks have brought to the forefront a project that has been under investigation for many months. Some kind of protection against fire for buildings, both residence and business, is needed, desperately and soon.

Individuals, committees from the Chamber of Commerce, and other groups have tried to find the means and ways to acquire fire fighting equipment. County and government agencies have been asked for, and have given, advice. But, to date, no results have been achieved. There are many good reasons for this, but the need is still urgent.

If the proper type of equipment is acquired fire insurance rates will be lowered. The saving to property owners made possible by a reduction in insurance rates would pay for adequate fire fighting equipment in a relatively short time.

Several plans for the formation of a fire department and the acquisition of equipment have been advanced. All have merit but some of them could bring no results for at least two years. It appears that digging into the pocketbook may be necessary. Joshua Tree citizens and property owners have been called upon to support many worthy projects and have responded nobly in the past. This time it is not a matter of donating, but rather a means to save money and homes.

It is to the interest of everyone to support any good plan that may be evolved for fire protection. The Chamber of Commerce will consider this week ways and means to get action in the shortest possible time. A community meeting will probably be called soon. All citizens of the Joshua Tree area should be present to help start the ball rolling.

With the information gathered during the last year and new data available within the past month a workable plan should be forthcoming soon. Properly directed effort can accomplish a great deal, but hit and miss activity will be of little benefit. With the whole-hearted support of all home and business owners any organization that tackles this problem can succeed.

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By JUNE LeMERT PAXTON



THE JOSHUAS

More than nine years ago I wrote the following three paragraphs for my column; in re-reading them today they seem to say, "Did we not foretell the events that have transpired during the past six years?" But now it seems, on the whole, the world has learned its lesson and is ready to make amends for its lack of understanding. In 1938 I said:

"In a recent issue of this friendly home-paper there was a verse tucked down in an obscure corner that is worthy of being printed again. It reads:

'There is a destiny which makes us brothers—
None lives to self alone;
All that we send into the lives of others
Comes back into our own.'

"Isn't it too bad that we do not realize we are all brothers—just one big family, and that together we win, divided we fail? And isn't it said that we bring suffering and sorrow into our lives because we keep sending it into the lives of others?"

Perhaps we can keep this verse in mind and act accordingly during this year—1948!

A prosperous year—1948—to you!

One Cull — Six Pounds Feed

Inefficient hens and pullets are going to add more and more to the cost of producing eggs with the season of highest egg prices coming to an end and the season of heavier production and lower prices approaching.

Lloyd P. Sharp, assistant farm advisor, says every one of these inefficient producers culled will save six to eight pounds of feed per month.

Feed is scarce and the price is high. Saving this feed by culling will add to the farmer's profits. With food grains in urgent demand throughout the world, feed prices may become less and less favorable to the poultrymen.

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Another Year of Decision

We Americans are on the threshold of another year of decision, since with the passing of twelve months the highest offices in government will have been filled. Already the parties are tuning-up, candidates are preparing themselves, public opinion polls receive closer study and every official act is examined for political implications.

To observe the traditions of American democracy being fulfilled is gratifying but, while there is still time before the hammer and tong of battle we voice an admonition. It is this, we should not become so engrossed in electing a President and Congress that we lose sight of less-spectacular issues. For example, Californians will adopt or reject a series of propositions that deserve careful consideration. While all these propositions may not have as direct bearing on good government as does Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 7, this one illustrates our contention. It is significant that the proposed amendment, which would authorize increased compensation for members of the Legislature, has at this

early date been recommended for enactment.

The first endorsement was by the California Manufacturers Association, which emphasized that the \$1,200 received annually by legislators in entirely disproportionate to the responsibilities and time required of senators and assemblymen.

A committee of manufacturers, already organized to campaign for the measure, estimates that legislators who determine how millions shall be spent are compensated on the basis of fifty cents an hour. We wonder if any other city, county or state job pays as little.

Obviously in these days of climbing prices, a legislator who spends several months away from his home and vocation makes a substantial sacrifice. We are confident that if Californians are made aware of this inequity they will correct it.

No doubt there will be other measures on 1948 ballots as essential to good government as Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 7, so let us not ignore them even though they are before us in a presidential year.

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Community Church.

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Church Corner

By ANTOINETTE KIRCH

Dr. D. C. Williams read from the 12th chapter of St. John, verse 32, and Revelations, chapter 21, verses 1 to 7.

It is very gratifying to have so many start the New Year right by coming to Sunday School and the morning worship service. Plans are going ahead for our new Chapel. This is your Community Church. Come and worship with us.

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beyond my control have prevented the plans being carried into execution, hence I have postponed the same, awaiting the arrival of a more fortunate day, when I shall be happy to be among you. Hence as a token of my good faith, I

herewith enclose you the following checks for delivery to the organizations therein mentioned, to-wit: \$15.00 to Joshua Tree Ambulance Fund, and \$15.00 to the Parent Teachers' Association of Joshua Tree.

Sincerely yours,
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A Chef in Every Kitchen



By BETTY BARCLAY

Potentially there is a great chef in every American kitchen, ready to rise to the emergency of keeping the family well fed. Grand meals are created and served three times a day, day after day by these great chefs. Who are they? You! and you! and you!

Here are three recipes to help you keep your chef's crown sparkling. First is Budget Hash. Hash has been helping the homemaker hold the budget line for many years and now that another food emergency has arisen it is still doing yeoman duty. This recipe will appeal to your pocketbook while it lures the appetite. Good? You bet!

Our second recipe, Crispy Baked Eggs, is another cookery creation that you can be proud of. And last but not least, of course, is a dessert recipe. Now that apples are plentiful how about Apple Crisp? Made with raisin bran it's as economical as it is nourishing and scrumptious. Try this on the family tonight and see if they don't nominate you for new cooking honors!

Budget Hash

1 cup chopped onions
1 cup finely diced green pepper
4 tablespoons melted shortening
1 pound chopped beef
1 cup canned tomatoes or 2 whole tomatoes peeled and cut in quarters
1 teaspoon chili powder
2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 cup wheat flakes

Sauté onions and peppers in 2 tablespoons shortening until lightly browned. Add beef; brown lightly, mixing with fork. Add tomatoes and seasonings and cook gently 2 to 3 minutes.

Cover bottom of greased casserole with 1/2 of cereal, then add beef mixture. Top with remaining cereal flakes and sprinkle with remaining shortening. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) 25 minutes, or until browned. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Crispy Baked Eggs

1 tablespoon melted butter or bacon fat
2 cups 40% bran flakes
6 eggs
1/2 teaspoon salt
Dash of pepper

Pour butter over cereal flakes, and toss lightly to mix. Arrange cereal flakes to form a nest in six sections of greased muffin pan; or use custard cups. Break eggs carefully, slipping one into each nest. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Bake in slow oven (325° F.) 20 minutes, or until eggs are firm. To serve, loosen with knife or spatula and lift out gently.

Or bake in shallow greased baking dish. Place cereal flakes in bottom of pan and arrange to form 6 nests. Break an egg into each. Serve with bacon or ham. Makes 6 servings.

Crispy Baked Eggs with Cheese. Mix 1/2 cup grated American cheese with cereal flakes and butter, or sprinkle cheese on top of eggs before baking.

Apple Crisp

3 cups thinly sliced apples
2 to 4 tablespoons sugar or honey
1 tablespoon melted butter or margarine
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
3 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup sugar
1 tablespoon flour
1 1/2 cups raisin bran

Mix together apples, sugar, melted butter, salt, and cinnamon. Turn into deep 8-inch baking dish.

Cream butter; add sugar and flour and mix well. Add cereal and crumble together. Spread over apples. Cover and bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 30 minutes. Remove cover and continue baking 15 minutes longer, or until apples are tender. Serve warm with cream. Makes 4 servings.

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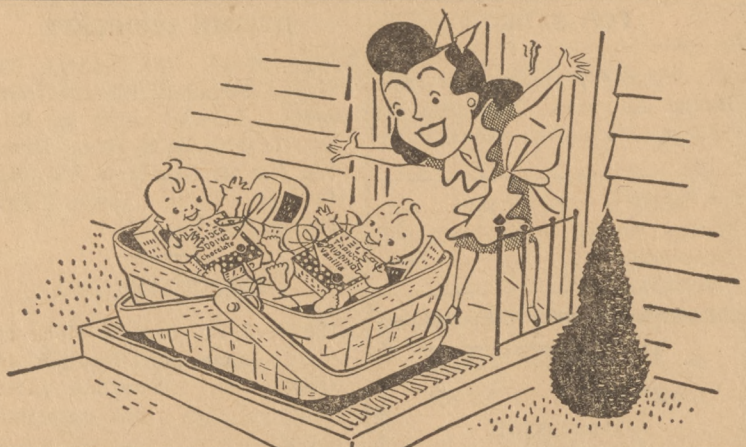
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A New Food Arrival in Town!



By BETTY BARCLAY

There is cause for cheers in the homemaking department! There's a new arrival in the food field! It's a prepared tapioca pudding... now on the market in two flavors, vanilla and chocolate.

Since the ever-popular dessert, tapioca, came back to the grocers' shelves, there has been a natural desire for a prepared tapioca pudding which would save the homemaker valuable time. So these prepared tapioca puddings were developed in the research laboratories of a large food company, famous for prepared gelatin and pudding desserts. Of course, the new arrival, prepared tapioca pudding, has been fully tested by their consumer kitchens for flavor, texture, and ease of preparation. Fully dependable, it's ready for the table in a jiffy. And it's so simple! Just add two cups of milk to the contents of one package... stir it until it comes to a boil, and presto, the work is done. And you have a dessert to serve 4 or 5 people. You'll be thrilled with the rich creamy texture and delicious flavor.

The vanilla tapioca pudding can be served in so many interesting ways. For instance, with fruit—fresh, frozen or canned, it's colorful and tempting. Then with whipped cream, or custard sauce it's a treat indeed!

The new and sure to be popular chocolate tapioca pudding (choco-

late is such a universal favorite!) has many variations, the list being headed by a new recipe for Chocolate Tapioca Pudding Soufflé that is perfectly wonderful. It's practically foolproof in preparation for even a brand new cook and it has an "out-of-this-world" flavor and texture. Don't let the word "soufflé" scare you. When there's tapioca in the soufflé, it's bound to be a success. Here's the recipe. Try this today; you'll love it!

Tapioca Chocolate Soufflé

1 package (3½ ounces) prepared chocolate tapioca pudding
2 cups milk
2 egg yolks, slightly beaten
2 egg whites
Dash of salt

Turn pudding mixture into saucepan. Add milk and mix well. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. (Mixture will be thin. Do not overcook.) Add egg yolks and blend. Beat egg whites and salt until they will hold up in peaks, but are not dry. Add hot pudding gradually, stirring well.

Turn into greased baking dish. Place in pan of hot water and bake in moderate oven (350°F.) 50 to 60 minutes, or until firm. Serve hot with cream or custard sauce. Makes 6 servings.

Note: For a sweeter soufflé, add 1 or 2 tablespoons sugar gradually to egg whites while beating.

Concentrated Soup Combats Shortage

A contract calling for 20,160,000 pounds of concentrated soup mix for use by the U. S. Occupational forces in relieving the critical food shortage in Japan was entered into by the U. S. Army this week. Authorities estimated that the mix will make over 321 million bowls of soups to feed school children, industrial workers, malnutrition cases, the aged and infirm, and other classes for which communal feeding is deemed advisable. The soup mix, one of the largest single contracts for foodstuffs entered into by the Army, is to be provided by the F. W. Boltz Corp. of Los Angeles.

The soup mix is to be prepared from a special formula utilizing common foodstuffs which are not in short supply and which provide the equivalent nutritional values of wheat at less than the wheat flour. The product was developed by the Boltz Corp., in collaboration with the Army, and will be produced in its Hanford, California plant.

Loan Associations In Joint Request To Pres. Truman

Federal Savings and Loan Associations and other business groups joined last week in a nationwide request to President Truman that he refrain from reappointing John H. Fahey to the Home Loan Bank.

Fahey, who is under attack by the Savings and Loan Associations for his asserted arbitrary seizure of the solvent Long Beach Federal Savings and Loan Association, was charged with having taken control of the company because its officers had objected to a previous seizure and dissolution of the 43 million dollar Home Loan Bank of Los Angeles. The officers of the Long Beach association were also officers of the Los Angeles bank, it was said.

President Truman was urged to forward his nomination of Nathaniel Dykes Jr., as Chairman and J. Alston Adams as member of the Home Loan Bank to the Senate within the next few days. Both men are now serving on the Home Loan Bank as members.

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The lure of the desert has also been felt by those who make with the paints and brushes. I saw more than one easel last week at which a hard working artist was trying to capture the illusive play of sunlight on the mountain tops and the beauty of the desert scene.

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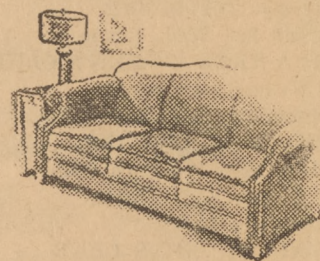
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